

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of Stephen W. Colley, et al.
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For PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF ETHYL ACETATE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A PRIOR TO EXAMINATION

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS,
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Please enter the following amendments prior to examination
of the above-referenced application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 5-29 as follows:

5 (amended). A process according to claim 2, wherein the
dehydrogenation catalyst is a copper containing catalyst which
comprises, before reduction, copper oxide on alumina.

6 (amended). A process according to claim 2, wherein the rate of
supply of the C₂ feedstock to the dehydrogenation zone
corresponds to an ethanol liquid hourly space velocity (LHSV) of
from about 0.5 hr⁻¹ to about 1.0 hr⁻¹.